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1. AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT HAVE DATA WHICH WOULD PERMIT DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT TRAFFIC WOULD JUSTIFY PRECLEARANCE AT THREE ADDITIONAL CANADIAN POINTS LISTED PARA 3 REF B. HOWEVER, YOU MAY GIVE SEAL FOLLOWING LATEST INFORMATION ON PROSPECTS FOR ESTABLISHING PRECLEARANCE AT THOSE POINTS:

(A) CALGARY--THERE APPEARS TO BE SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON BOTH INTERIM AND PERMANENT FACILITIES. PRECLEARANCE OPERATIONS COULD BE INSTITUTED WITH INTERIM FACILITIES IN NINE MONTHS; PERMANENT FACILITIES ARE APPARENTLY TWO YEARS FROM
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COMPLETION. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND CARRIERS CONCERNED

OPPOSE USING INTERIM FACILITY. IN THIS CONNECTION WE
POINT TO OPTION IN ARTICLE VI FOR CARRIERS TO USE EITHER
PRECLEARANCE OR POSTCLEARANCE.

(B) EDMONTON--IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT INTERIM FACILI-
TIES COULD BE COMPLETED IN NINE MONTHS TO A YEAR. ON THIS
BASIS PRECLEARANCE COULD BE INITIATED AT EDMONTON O/A
JULY 1, 1975. TWO US AIR CARRIERS (NORTHWEST AND HUGHES
AIR WEST) HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT PRECLEARANCE BE

ESTABLISHED EDMONTON.

(C) VICTORIA--SUGGEST BEST MEANS OF EXPEDITING CONSIDERA-
TION OF PRECLEARANCE WOULD BE FOR MOT TO SUBMIT DETAILED
FACILITY PLAN TO US INSPECTION AGENCIES.

2. WOULD BE HELPFUL HAVE CLARIFICATION RE COMMENT IN REF
A, PARA 3 CONCERNING LACK OF SUCCESS IN POSSIBLE SHARING
ARRANGEMENT WITH US CARRIERS. REQUIREMENT THAT CARRIERS
PARTICIPATION IN PRECLEARANCE BE VOLUNTARY AS NOTED
PARA 1(A) ABOVE MAY BE GERMANE THIS ISSUE. SISCO

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